

I am writing to voice my opposition to the FCC's proposal to implement Broadcast Flags on digital television. I am a law-abiding citizen and believe piracy should be prevented and prosecuted. I support copyrights and copyright holder's rights--but federal law has long recognized the rights of citizens and the fair use of copyrighted material. I believe that this rule will infringe upon those rights and upset the balance between right holders and the general welfare of our citizens. I believe that the proposed rule will unfairly penalize law-abiding citizens in a futile attempt to prevent piracy. Ultimately, I believe it will foster greater harm to both copyright holders and citizens if it is adopted.

I appreciate the FCC's advocacy for intellectual rights and balancing those rights with the greater welfare of our citizenry. I urge that other measures be considered and adopted that better balance these mutual rights.